

a hurry) and that it may be Corrected and not Insisted upon Lib. H. D.  
 from Cap<sup>t</sup> Whitehorne who never had any more then 320  
 Runletts &c Cap<sup>t</sup> Greenwell thank God is Safely Arrived  
 and now in Holland discharging his Loading Cap<sup>t</sup> Harbin,  
 Sen house, Smith, and Watts, are all thats now yett Come  
 from Maryland but more daily Expected Tobbacco Trade  
 is att p<sup>r</sup>sent not very brisk the Dutchmen being very incred-  
 ulous and will not believe the Scarcity with you so long as all  
 Ships that Coms yet are quite full Laden and doubts not but  
 will be so, all that we Affirme here Availes nothing without  
 further prooff the Weather now is extream hott So that we  
 all are in hopes of a Greater fertillity this year then has been  
 for Some years past, His Maty the King yesterday im-  
 barqued from Margett Town for Holland where he designs p. 168  
 to spend this Summer this Coms p An Accidentall Ship via  
 Pensilvania p Cap<sup>t</sup> Mitchell which I hope will find your Excel-  
 lency and Lady well that it may it the fervent prayers of me  
 who att all times shall be thankfull of your Ex<sup>cys</sup> Comāds to  
 shew my readiness for your Selfe and Governm<sup>t</sup> of my being

Yor Ex<sup>cys</sup>

Most humble & most obed<sup>t</sup>  
 Serv<sup>t</sup> Isaac Millner

There is Two Shells one is fixed for Service and the other  
 hath onely a fuse in it so you may pull them out and See  
 how to fix them but the fusees must be cutt of the Same  
 length as those th<sup>t</sup> are in the Shells and when you fix them  
 you must fitt your fusees very well to the hole of the Shell as  
 you see by this that is sent you you must lett your fuse be  
 driven in a little tite with a Small Mallod and then it will not  
 blow out with the blast of the Morter and when you Load  
 your mortar putt the shell in after the powder without any  
 thing of Wadding and lett the fuse lye to the Musle of the  
 Morter and take Some meale powder and put in the head of  
 the fuse and there you may fire the Morter piece Safely

Your Morter piece Should lye att 45 Degrees or as near  
 to that as you Can when you fire it by the reason it is the  
 least straine to her and will throw furthest

Your Composition for fuzees and true proportionable  
 quantities is

Meale powder	3 <sup>1</sup> — <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Salt peter	2
Sulpher	1

You must fill your shells with fine powder